Uhl Log House AL-V-B-113

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# Maryland Historical Trust state Historic Sites Inventory Form

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2. Loca	ition			
street & number	Hinkle Lane			not for publication
city, town	Mt. Sava <b>h</b> e	_X_ vicinity of	congressional district	
state	Maryland	county	Allegany	
3. Clas	sification			
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4. Own	er of Prop	<b>erty</b> (give names a	nd mailing addresses	s of <u>all</u> owners)
name <sub>7</sub>	E. Stuart Delb	rook		
street & number	Route 1 Box		telephone no	.: 264-3785
city, town	Mt. Savage	state	and zip code Mars	land 21545
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		Allegany County Co		liber 366
street & number		30 Washington Stre	eet	folio 555
city, town		Cumberland	state M	faryland 21502
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## 7. Description

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Condition excellentX good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	Check one _X_ unaltered altered	Check one  X original s  moved	site date of move	

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Uhl Log House is located on a farm lane west of Kinkle Lane in the Arnold's Settlement area north of Mt. Savage. The two-story log house faces south, commanding a sweeping view to the Cumberland Narrows, several miles to the southeast. The farm includes a frame bank barn to the southeast, a frame smokehouse about 100 feet southeast of the house, and a frame maple sugar camp located on the farm lane.

The original log section of the two-story gabled farmhouse measures three bays wide by two bays deep. A two-bay square frame addition dating from 1906 joins the two western bays of the rear. A shed-roofed enclosed porch covers the eastern side of the addition. A facade porch is constructed with heavy square posts resting on rusticated concrete block piers. The south wall of the stone cellar is exposed under the porch.

An exterior stone chimney heats the west end. The facade entrance is located slightly east of center; 2/2 sash windows framed in plain flat boards light the house. Weatherboards cover the main section while German siding sheathes the ell. Standing seam metal covers the roof. The house rests on a fieldstone foundation.

A spring emerges from the hill about 25' northeast of the ell. A small stone shelter flanked by stone walls covers the spring. The spring runs underground and re-emerges in the northeast corner of the cellar. It runs through a concrete trough, then runs outside into a wooden trough. The stream again runs underground, then re-emerges near the barn.

The Uhl House displays a four-room floor plan with a central boxed stair. The ell forms a single room. The interior retains original ogee trim and both two-panel and six-panel doors, featuring deep raised panels.

The second floor plan is identical to the first floor. Beaded board partitions form all interior walls. The ell is divided axially into two bedrooms.

The original cellar underpins the eastern half of the house. A cellar to the west was excavated in the 1930's. The central wall is constructed of stone.

A principal rafter roof covers the house. Purlins are mortised and tenoned into four sets of 5" x 7" principal rafters; common rafters measuring 3½"x5" rest on the purlins. A mortised, tenoned, and pegged angle brace accompanies each principal rafter/purlin juncture. A large collar beam is mortised, tenoned, and pegged into a set of principals at either end. All members are hewn.

8.	<b>Significance</b>
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Uhl Log House, constructed in the late 18th or very early 19th century, may be the oldest log building in the George's Creek Valley. The structure is located about two miles east of the Arnold's Settlement area, which was established in the late 18th century.

The dwelling may have once been heated by a central chimney. If his was the case, the replacement of this chimney and rebuilding of the staircase probably occurred by about 1830. The physical appearance of the new stair and chimney suggest this date, which is confirmed by the date "January 24 1830" which is written on the board wall of the attic stair. A flattened agee molding which frames the second floor windows also appears to date from this period. Other features, such as the earlier ogee trim and the six-panel and two-panel doors, survive from the original building period.

The floor plan is unusual among local buildings of this period. The principal rafter roof construction is unique in the George's Creek Valley.

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Charles probably built his log house during the late eighteenth or early 19th century. He bought Military Lots # 3360 and 3361 in 1804, although he may have been living on the property prior to purchase. Although log construction was common during the time, the Uhl house was two stories tall, larger than the average log homes which were one or two room cabins.  $^3$ 

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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HISTORIC	Uhl Lo	og House			
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2 LOCATION	ON				
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#### CONDITION

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\_\_UNEXPOSED

\_\_MOVED DATE\_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Uhl Log House is located west of Hinkle Lane near the Mason Dixon Line.

The house originally consisted of a two story, three bays wide log structure covered with weatherboard siding. The log walls are approximately one and one-half feet thick. The house rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin with some tin shingles and snowbirds. Eaves consist of a cornice with fascia and close verges on the gable ends. A large capped stone chimney of ashlar stone is located outside end.

Two entrances on the southern facade include one nine light glass and frame door and one five panel one light door. Windows are pegged two over two lights with wooden slipsills. A hip roofed front porch on the south has four tapered square posts on pedestals. A gabled frame addition with german siding and a ribbed tin roof is on the north. A shed roofed porch on the east of the addition has been exclosed. The house is built over a running fresh water spring.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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### TITLE SEARCH

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Allegany County Deed: Liber 366, Folio 555

Grantee: E. Stuart Delbrook and Wilma C. Delbrook Date: December 18, 1963

Harry H. Delbrook and Viola Mae Delbrook Grantor:

Notes: "Harden Farm"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 162

Grantee: Harry H. Delbrook, et ux Date: August 22, 1949

Grantor: Thomas Lohr Richards, trustee

Allegany County Deed: Liber 226, Folio 161

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Grantor: Harry H. Delbrook, et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 148, Folio 131

Grantee: Harry H. Delbrook Date: August 20, 1924 Grantor: Finley Hendrickson, trustee Consideration: \$7,000

Notes: Trustee for equity, 9790, Frank Delbrook, et al

vrs. Harry H. Delbrook, et al

Allegany County Deed: Liber 76, Folio 391 Date: January 12, 1895 Consideration: \$3,600

Grantee: Henry Delbrook

Grantor: William Logsdon, et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 62, Folio 259

Grantee: William Logsdon, Jr. Date: August 17, 1885 Grantor: Margaret Thomas Consideration: \$3,250

"Harden Farm" Grantor inherited property from Notes:

James B. Thomas

Allegany County Deed: Liber 26, Folio 625

Grantee: James B. Thomas Date: November 23, 1867

Grantor: George Harden

Allegany County Deed: Liber 2, Folio 237

Grantee: George Harden Date: April 14, 1846 Grantor: Archibald Uhl and Leah Uhl Consideration: \$2,250

Allegany County Wills: Liber A, Folio 259

Grantee: Archibald Uhl Probate Date: February 14, 1827

Grantor: Charles Uhl

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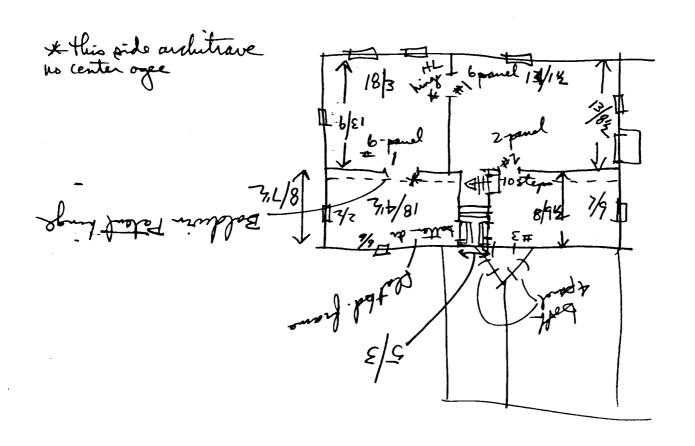
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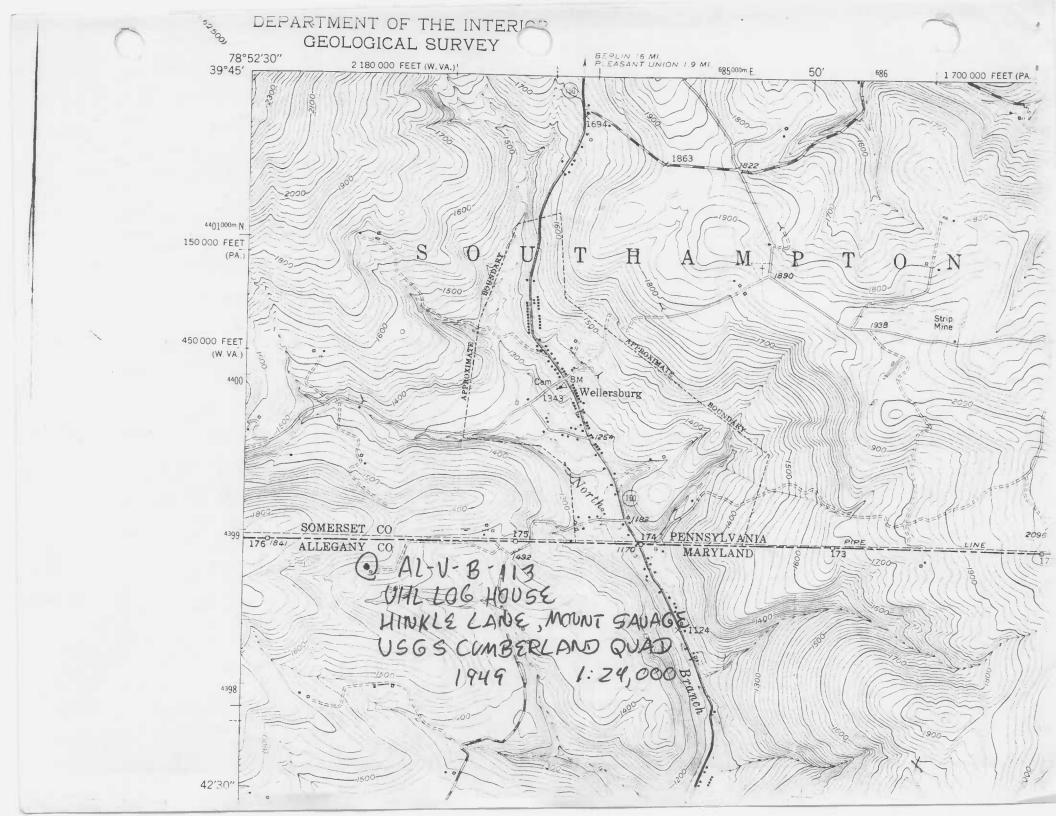
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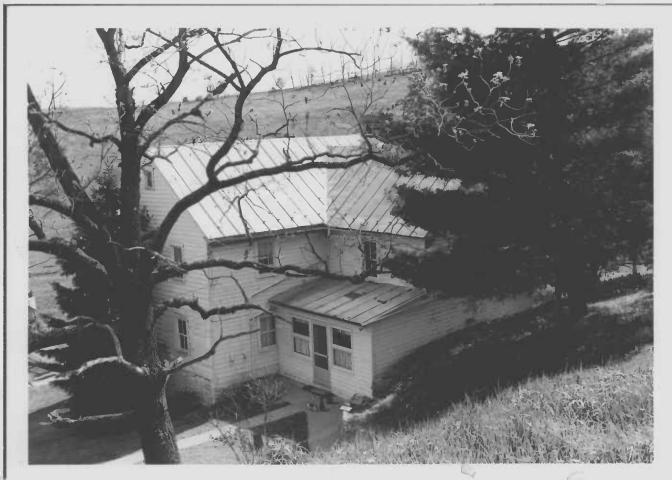
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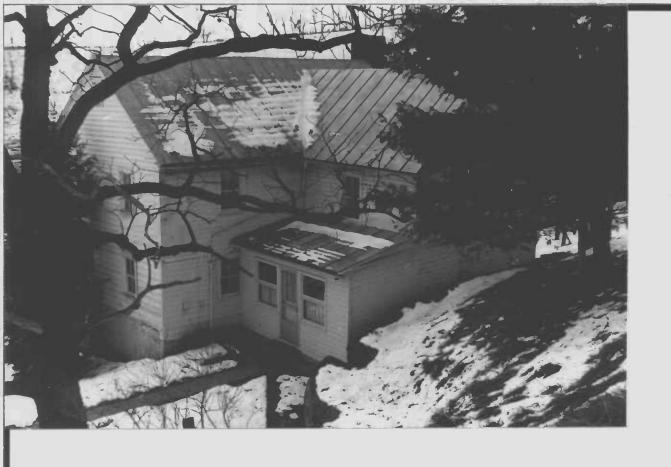




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